

In the Specification:

Please replace pages 47 through 81 of the Sequence Listing submitted on November 20, 1996 with newly submitted pages 47 through 74.

Please renumber pages 82-95, containing the claims and abstract, as pages 75-88.

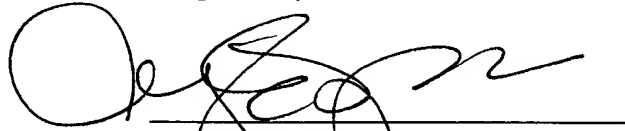
REMARKS

Responsive, in part, to the Examiner's Communication and the "Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures", dated September 23, 1997, Applicants have amended the Sequence Listing submitted on November 20, 1996 to include the two sequences shown in Figure 2, i.e., LIX-1 and LIX-2 wherein X is a hydroxyproline, which were objected to in the Examiner's Communication, and to correct the designation of the hydroxyproline residues in SEQ ID NO: 54 of the Sequence Listing. In particular, Applicants have added the sequences LIX-1 and LIX-2 as SEQ ID NOs: 59 and 60, respectively, to the corrected Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The hydroxyproline residues are referred to in these sequences as Xaa with the additional inclusion in part (d) of the Feature section of the sequence identifier that Xaa is hydroxyproline. In addition, for consistency, Applicants have corrected the designation of the hydroxyproline residues in SEQ ID NO: 54 from Hyp to Xaa, with the additional inclusion in part (d) of the Feature section of the sequence identifier that Xaa is hydroxyproline. Support for these amendments can be found, e.g., in Figure 2 and Table 1 of the application.

Further in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e), Applicants have submitted on even date herewith a computer readable form of the corrected sequence listing (diskette) which is identical in substance to the substitute pages 47-74 containing the corrected sequence listing submitted herewith.

No new matter has been added to the application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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